

Low Profile Groundline Workshops
September 2005
8am-5pm

Draft Agenda
September 6, 2005

Schedule:

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| 8:00-8:30 | Welcome and Introductions |
| 8:30-9:00 | <p>Discuss regional large whale (right, humpback and fin) ecology
<i>What is known about large whales in the area?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- What is the seasonal and spatial distribution?- What is known about large whale habitat?- How are large whales utilizing the water column when foraging, diving, etc.?- If foraging, what kind of prey species are being targeted? |
| 9:00-9:30 | <p>Discuss regional fishing issues
<i>What are the regional issues regarding lowering the profile of the groundline?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- What type of fisheries occur and where?- What type of bottom is being fished? |
| 9:30-10:00 | <p>Discuss regional habitat, oceanography and/or prey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- What does the local habitat look like?- Where are coral, rock and wreck areas?- What is the local prey? What is known about their habitat and how they utilize the water column?- What are the local oceanographic conditions? How is prey influenced by oceanographic conditions? |
| 10:00-10:15 | Break |
| 10:15-12:00 | <p>Discuss potential areas where low profile groundline should be considered
<i>Given what we know, where could low profile groundlines be operationally feasible and enforceable taking whale behavior into consideration?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Establish criteria to identify areas- Research plan to identify areas |
| 12:00-1:00 | Lunch (working lunch an option) |
| 1:00-2:00 | Continue discussion of potential areas where low profile groundline should be considered |

- 2:00-3:00 Discuss maximum height above ocean bottom for low profile groundline
What is a goal proxy height?
- Discuss proxy height
- 3:00-4:00 Discuss technologies to lower profile of groundline
What tools do you know of? What tools will we need in the future?
- Identify techniques
- Develop research plan (if deemed necessary)
- 4:00-4:30 Discuss gear marking in potential low profile groundline areas
What is operationally feasible and enforceable?
- Identify techniques
- Develop research plan (if deemed necessary)
- 4:30-5:00 *[If time permits]* Discuss ideas for contingency plan if entanglement occurs in low profile line
- Identify management options
- 5:00 Adjourn